

Self-Reliance.

In the course of the debate, in Committee of Supply, on Friday, some of the Government members took occasion to animadvert with considerable severity upon an undue disposition on the part of the people of British Columbia to lean upon the Government in cases where they ought to help themselves. It was said that nothing could be done without Government. Hospitals, schools, roads, trails, explorations, all must be undertaken, either in whole or in part, by the Government. In short, the Government must do everything, and the people nothing. And this condition, it was asserted, augured ill for the successful working of Responsible Government. It formed a striking contrast with the character of people of the neighboring States most unfavorable to us. Self-reliance was a pre-requisite to self-government. Ergo: the people of British Columbia, not being self-reliant, were not fitted for self-government. We are compelled to admit that these remarks are, to a certain extent justified. The people of British Columbia are too prone to lean upon the Government and, perhaps, too ready to appeal for Government help on every occasion. There can be no doubt of that. But, let us not confound cause and effect. We invite the members of the Government to look beyond this characteristic which is the mere effect, and enquire into the cause. Self-reliance and serfdom do not go hand in hand. They do not grow in the same soil. The people of British Columbia are just what the political institutions of the country have made them in this respect. Denied all share in the management of the affairs of the country, they have very naturally fallen into the habit of expecting the Government to do everything, except pay the taxes! The people of British Columbia are not naturally wanting in the quality of self-reliance. Quite the contrary, indeed. But the vicious system of Government is calculated to innervate and unman the most enterprising and self-reliant; and it has doubtless, to a greater or less extent, sapped the foundation of the self-reliance of our people. The remarks indulged in, on Friday, were, therefore, to some extent true. But we must be permitted to say that they did not come with a very good grace from the 'ministerial benches.' To present this condition as an argument against the introduction of self or Responsible Government is indicative of a superficial mind. Surely the most ready way to make the people self-reliant, and, therefore, fit for self-government, is to remove the cause which has produced the opposite condition. To continue the cause is to perpetuate the effect. Give the people self-reliance, throw them upon their own resources, and they will soon learn self-reliance; but continue to treat them as serfs, and they will continue to lean upon the government. Those who bring such an argument against the introduction of Responsible Government have studied the science of political economy to little purpose. Indeed it affords a most powerful argument in favor of conferring Responsible Government upon the people at the earliest possible moment. The longer they are deprived of it the more unfit for it will the people become. They will never be fit for it till they get it.

Drawing Comfort from Empty Cisterns.

Our up-river contemporary has been chiefly remarkable for opposition to every great measure of Reform until it became inevitable, and then for the extraordinary agility with which he 'fopped' over to the other side of the fence, accepting the situation with as many smiles as if the whole had been the result of his own assiduous effort. Confederation found in him, if not a powerful, a pertinacious and unscrupulous opponent. According to his creed, that great scheme was evil and only evil, and should it ever be carried out, would humiliate, ruin, curse the colony. But now that Confederation is certain and imminent beyond any possibility of doubt, this prophet on the banks of the Fraser is as loud in its praise as was ever the most ardent friend of the cause. Referring to that part of the Governor's opening speech wherein the great advantages of Confederation are pointed out, our contemporary remarks:— 'His Excellency is most happy in his allusions to the great question which really involves the welfare of the whole country—Confederation.' In another part of the same article he felicitates himself upon the disposition made of Responsible Government and the Canadian Tariff in His Excellency's speech. 'There can be no doubt,' he thinks 'that he (the Governor) is fully alive to the ruinous effects of the Canadian Tariff, if applied to the Colony in its present immature state, and without saying so much, (he) implies, that the consideration of this question will not be pressed upon the Legislature at present; i.e., that it is shelved for the time.' We must confess that our contemporary has a genius for extracting comfort from state papers, for we have been unable to discover anything whatever in the Governor's speech to warrant these remarks. Nor is it a secret that the Governor himself holds very clear and decided opinions in favor of at once accepting the Canadian Tariff upon entering Confederation. So far from being 'shelved,' the question will most assuredly come up during the present session, and it is equally certain that there will be an overwhelming vote in favor of the Canadian Tariff. Our contemporary appears to be possessed by a morbid antipathy to the Canadian Tariff—in fact to everything Canadi-

an. We would advise him to try the experiment of breakfasting upon partridge made from the celebrated Rockwood oatmeal, and we might even go so far as to suggest a trial of the Canadian whisky—in the strictest moderation, you know—the 'milk of the Canadian cow' which proved so palatable to a certain doubting Doctor last summer. In regard to the question of Responsible Government—the particular horror of our up-river contemporary, the plot of political demagogues and office-seekers in order to plunder the Treasury and ruin the country,—there is a scarcely less unjustifiable attempt to extract comfort from the Governor's opening speech. A few days will show, however, that both of these questions will be settled in the interest of the people; and then we shall expect to find our contemporary just as enthusiastic an admirer of the Canadian Tariff and of Responsible Government as he is now of the great scheme of Confederation, which at no distant period provoked such bitter opposition.

New Advertisements.

A. B. GRAY,
Government street, Victoria, B. C.
Direct Importer of STAPLE & Fancy Dry Goods.

Additions to his Stock received overland monthly from the best European Markets. ja15

RAFFLE.

TIRE RAFFLE FOR A GOLD WATCH
Will take place at the King's Head Saloon, Johnson street, this evening at 7.30 sharp. ja14

E. O. SELIGER,

Teacher on the Piano and Violin and of Vocal Music.

Residence—Cor For and Douglas streets.
PARENTS AND OTHERS DESIROUS to take lessons, can obtain information at Mr. Jangeman's Jewellery Store, Government street, where has kindly agreed to receive all orders.
Evening Parties and Balls attended on the shortest notice. Also, Pupils taught at their homes if desired. ja14

Nanaimo Strike.

THE DEPUTATION FROM NANAIMO beg to thank Patrick Brennan, of Cowichan, for a donation of \$5 and 200 lbs of beef; and Mr. Stark, of Salt Spring Island, who gave the same amount. All the other settlers gave liberally and for which the deputation is grateful. ja14

CRICKET.

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MR. J. W. JEFFREY'S office on Monday the 30th of January at 4 o'clock, to organize a Club for the ensuing year. ja13

CARD.

HAVING SOLD OUT MY STOCK in Trade to Mr. W. J. Jeffre, I take this opportunity of thanking my friends and the public for past favors and solicit a continuance of the same for my successor, who I feel certain will merit the same. Victoria, Jan. 11, 1871. LEWIS LEWIS.

I WOULD RESPECTFULLY INFORM the public of Victoria and vicinity that I have this day purchased from Mr. Lewis of Yates street, his entire Stock of Custom Made Clothing, Underclothing and Furnishing Goods and intend importing by every steamer. New and Fashionable Goods such as the market may require, which I intend selling at prices to suit the times. Victoria, Jan. 11, 1871. W. J. JEFFREY.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST the undersigned will please present the same for payment at the store lately occupied by me on Yates street. All persons indebted to me will please pay on or before the 28th inst. All accounts outstanding after that date will be placed in the hands of my Solicitor for collection. LEWIS LEWIS.
TO LET—The Store adjoining, apply to Lewis Lewis. Victoria, January 11 1871. ja12

Canadian Oatmeal.

FELL & FINLAYSON
HAVE JUST IMPORTED 20,000 POUNDS of Fresh Canadian Oatmeal from the celebrated Rockwood Mills, Ontario. The Rockwood Mills gained the First Premium at the London and Paris Exhibitions. It is a superior and superior to any Oatmeal previously imported to this colony, and will be sold at ja12 **PRICES MUCH LOWER!!**

TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED at the Council Chambers, Broad street, until Tuesday next, the 17th instant, at 4 o'clock, p.m., for travelling Broughton street, from Government to Wharf, and for grading and travelling Langley street, from Fort to Broughton street.
Specifications for said work can be seen at the Clerk's office daily from 10 to 5 o'clock.
By order of the Mayor and Council. W. LEIGH, C.M.C.
January 11, 1871. ja12

NOTICE.

British Columbian Investment & Loan Society.

THERE WILL BE A GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above-named Society at the office of the Spring Ridge Water Works Company, Government street, on SATURDAY, the 14th inst, at 3.30 o'clock, p.m. W. C. SIFFKEN, Secretary. ja14

Boots! Boots! Boots!

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF VICTORIA MANUFACTURE
W. HEATHORN'S
BOOT & SHOE MANUFACTORY,
Government street near the Post Office, Victoria, V.
BOOTS & SHOES made to order. REPAIRING done.
Leather & Shoe Findings For Sale at 10
ja14

Saws Sharpened

Jas. Goudie
IN A NEW STYLE THAT WILL SAVE the labor usually expended in cutting wood. Give him a trial. Locks altered, keys fitted and general repairing done.
ja5 FORT STREET OPPOSITE MRS. BAILEY'S

ROBERT WILLIAMS,

PLAIN AND ORNAMENTAL
BOOK-BINDER AND PAPER-RULER.
MARBLING & EDGE GILDING DONE
BLANK BOOKS MADE TO ORDER.
dels At T. N. HIBBEN & CO.'s

A. CARD.

HAVING LEARNED THAT CERTAIN interested parties are spreading the report that Barnard's Express and Stage Line will not continue to be run regularly to Cariboo as heretofore, I beg to state that not only will that business be continued in all its past efficiency, but that arrangements are being made for greatly reducing the rate of charges and increasing the efficiency of the service, as soon as the Spring opens. dets dkw F. J. BARNARD.

GOOD WINE NEEDS NO BUSH!

MITCHELL & JOHNSON'S
Current Wine
IS NOW ON SALE AT THEIR
SEED STORE AND NURSERY
FORT STREET, VICTORIA; de22

New Advertisements.

LOWE, STAHLSCHEIDT & CO,

Offer for Sale the following Goods,
IN BOND OR DUTY PAID.

BRANDY—Hennessy in bulk
RUM—Jamaica in bulk, 30 O. P.
WHISKY—Jameson's Irish, in 1-casks, 25 O. P.
Jameson's Irish, in case
WHISKY—Scotch Camlachie, in 1-casks do do in case
GIN—Swaine, Boord & Co's Old Tom, in case
Geneva, red and green case
SHERRY—Amontillado, in 1-cks, choice
Superior Pale, various qualities
CLARET—Chateau Plagnac, J A Bon-noron, in case
FLOUR—Oregon, Standard, Imperial & other brands, Graham, Midd-
lings, Chop Feed, &c.
SUGAR—Sandwich Islands, various
grades
TEA—Souchong and Challenge
OATMEAL—Canadian, in barrels, first
arrival

LINE JUICE—In bulk
RAISINS—John Clemmens & Sons, boxes,
in layers
STEEL—Sybry, Searls & Co, Sheffield,
Cast and Double Shear, ar-
sorted sizes
TWINES—Shop, Seino, Fishing Lines,
etc., etc.
GUNPOWDER—Curtis's & Harvey's
PAPER—Oregon, Straw, Printing
PRINTING INK—
DRY GOODS—Morino Shirts and Pants
Neckties,
Scarves,
Linen Drills,
Youth's Cotton Half Hose,
Linen Handkerchiefs,
Hickory Shirts
do Stripes, in Piece
Etc. Etc. Etc.

No. 4 Commercial Row, Wharf street,
VICTORIA, B. C.

THE UNION INSURANCE COMPANY

of San Francisco.

Individual Liability, Capital Stock \$750,000

For Insuring Merchandise, Treasure, Commissions, Profits, &c.
For Information, Rates of Premium, &c. Apply to

Lowe, Stahlscheidt & Co
AGENTS, WHARF STREET.

K. MCKENZIE'S
Craigflower Bakery,

CABIN BREAD,
PILOT BREAD,
NAVY BREAD
SODA CRACKERS,
&c., &c. &c.

All kinds of the above baked to order
and packed as required
Always on hand, for sale in lots to suit by
LOWE, STAHLSCHEIDT & CO.,
Agents.

KIRKMAN'S PIANOS.

EX "ADA," FROM LONDON,
For sale by
LOWE, STAHLSCHEIDT & CO.

SADDLERY

HENRY BRACE & CO. (LIMITED),
Of Walsall, Staffordshire,
GREAT BRITAIN.

WHOLESALE SADDLERS' IRONMONGERS
Manufacturers of all kinds of Harness,
Whips and Horse Appointments
Orders for the above will be filled on fa-
vorable terms by
LOWE, STAHLSCHEIDT & CO.,
Agents. ja14

HENRY SHORT,
Gun and Rifle Maker,

AND IMPORTER OF
FIREARMS.

HAS ON HAND A LARGE ASSORT-

ment of
Double and Single Barreled Fowling
Pieces,
Henry's Rifles,
Single Barreled Rifles, Powder Flasks
Shot Bags, Pistols, &c.

ALSO—A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

FISHING TACKLE,
COMPRISING—Salmon Reels, Trout Fly Rods, Landing
Nets, Gaffs, Extra Tips for Fly Rods, Salmon Reels,
Trout Reels, Salmon Lines, Trout Fly Lines.

MINNOWS for Trout and Salmon,
SPOON BAITS of all sizes,
MORRISCO FLY BOOKS, Gut in Hanks,
TREBLE-BAITED BOOKS, Large & Small
ARTIFICIAL FLIES of all descriptions,
FISHING BASKETS all sizes,

AND A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

CUTLERY &c.
The Trade Supplied at Reasonable Rates
HENRY SHORT,
ja11 3m Government St. bet. Johnson & Pandora.

Again in the Field.

A H FRANCIS

HAS TAKEN THE STORE ON FORT street adjoining the TEMPERANCE HOTEL, known
as the BEES HIVE, where he would be exceedingly ap-
ply to accommodate his old customers and all others who
may deem him worthy their patronage. In view of his
and losses, and the heavy pressure brought to bear upon
him arising out of it, he hopes the public will not over-
look him
On hand as usual—
GROCERIES, GRAIN, FLOUR, FEED
FRUIT, BACON, BUTTER,
&c., &c. CHEAP FOR
CASH.

SUPERIOR HAVANA CIGARS and Tobacco,
Applies by the box. Fresh Milk from the best dairies
constantly on hand.
COUNTRY PRODUCE bought for cash or
taken in exchange for goods
ja5 3m A. H. FRANCIS

SALTED SALMON

IN BARRELS AND HALF BARRELS.
BELLIES IN HALF BARRELS.
CURED BY
Alexander Ewen & Co.,
NEW WESTMINSTER.

Agents for the above,
LOWE, STAHLSCHEIDT & CO.

WILLAMETTE
Woollen Manufacturing Company,
Of Salem, Oregon.

Casimeres,
Tweed,
Shirtings,
Flannels.

BLANKETS—White
Grey
Vicuia
Scarlet
Blue
Green
Assorted Sizes

SOCKS—White and Grey.

For sale to the Trade in lots to suit by
LOWE, STAHLSCHEIDT & CO.
Agents.

BUENA VISTA
Vinicultural Society,
SONOMA, CALIFORNIA.

Red Wine
White Wine
White Wine in Hook bottles
SPARKLING
National Grape—Pale
do —Rose Cre: ant
For sale by
LOWE, STAHLSCHEIDT & CO.
Agents. ja14

Burns' Anniversary.

St Andrew's and Caledonian Benevolent
Society's

ANNUAL BALL
Will take place at the
Alhambra Hall

On the Evening of
Wednesday, the 25th of January, 1871,
SUPPER on the table at Eight o'clock.

DANCING to commence at half-past Nine.
TICKETS admitting Lady &c. Gentleman including
Supper, 2s
Tickets may be had of any me or of the Society.
ja10

RED HOUSE
GROCERY STORE
YATES STREET

WILLIAM GIBSON TAKES PLEASURE
in announcing that he has opened the above old
established Store with a well selected stock of

GROCERIES and PROVISIONS,
He will constantly keep on hand the best articles in his
branch of trade and hopes by strict attention to business
to merit a share of public patronage.
Wh. Goods delivered Free of Charge. ja10

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

Vancouver Bakery, Fort St.
GEORGE TROJANSON HAVING removed
to his New Store, three doors east of Douglas
street, thanks the inhabitants of Victoria and neigh-
borhood for the liberal support received by him since he
has been in business, and hopes by strict attention to
the same and keeping a first rate article to still merit
a continuance of past favors.

GENUINE BROWN BREAD,
FAMILIES waited upon daily by his Express
Cart. ja7

THE GO-AHEAD PRINCIPLE.
SMALL PROFITS & QUICK SALES!!

J. MOSS,
(LATE OF THE WILLOWS, CAMBRO BAY.)

BEGS TO INFORM HIS NUMEROUS
friends and the public generally that he has re-
opened the New Store, Fort street, lately occupied by H
Walker. He will have constantly on hand the finest as-
sortment of Candies, Confectionery, Fruits, Tobacco, Pipes
and Havana Cigars, Cut Tobacco by the pound, which he
will sell as cheap as anyone on the coast.
N.B.—Fresh arrivals of Fruit by every steamer. ja12

New Advertisements.

Victoria Nursery & Seed Establishment.

MITCHELL & JOHNSTON
Have just Received from England, in Fine Condition, a Splendid Assortment of

DUTCH BULBS

Including HYACINTHE, TULIPS, CROCUS, NARCISSUS, JONQUILS, RANUN-
CULUS, ANEMONES, IRIS, SNOWDROPS, &c. &c.

M. & J. have just completed their STOCKS of
FARM AND GARDEN SEEDS

And which this year are UNUSUALLY FINE—their ANNUAL CATALOGUE
of which is now ready for Distribution.

At their **NURSERY** they have FINE STOCKS of
FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES, SHRUBS, ROSES, &c. GREEN-
HOUSE AND HARDY FLOWERS, &c., to which they would invite the
Attention of Buyers.

To arrive Mail, several Works on Practical Farming and Gardening, by well known
Practical Men.

Occidental Buildings, Fort Street, Victoria.

Schedule B.

GENERAL ABSTRACT Showing the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets within the Colony &
British Columbia, of the Bank of British North America, taken from the usual Weekly Statements during
the Quarter from 30th Sept'r to 31st Dec., 1870

| LIABILITIES. | AM'T. | TOTALS. | ASSETS | AM'T. | TOTALS. |
|---|--------------|------------|---|--------------|---------|
| Notes in circulation, not bearing interest..... | \$118,305 00 | | Legal Tender Coin, in Gold and | | |
| Notes in circulation, bearing interest..... | | | Silver..... | \$140,162 92 | |
| Bills in circulation, not bearing interest..... | | | Gold and Silver, in Bullion..... | 23,759 28 | |
| Bills in circulation, bearing interest..... | | | Landed and other Property..... | 27,223 00 | |
| Deposits, not bearing interest..... | \$255,094 79 | | Notes and Bills of other Banks..... | 5,940 24 | |
| Deposits, bearing interest..... | 176,912 00 | 432,960 79 | Balances due from other Banks and Branches..... | 306,717 55 | |
| | | | Amount of all debts due to the | | |
| | | | Bank, including Notes, Bills of | | |
| | | | Exchange, and all Stock and | | |
| | | | Funded Debts of every descrip- | | |
| | | | tion, excepting Notes, Bills and | | |
| | | | Balances due from other Banks | | |
| | | | and Branches..... | \$ 73,878 12 | |

Total amount of liabilities.....\$479,682 22
Total amount of assets.....\$479,682 22
Amount of the Capital Stock paid up at the close of the
quarter ending 31st Dec'r, 1870.....\$5,000,000 00
Rate of the last Dividend declared to the Shareholders.....5 per cent
Amount of the last Dividend declared.....\$250,000 00
Amount of the Reserved Profits at the time of declaring such dividend.....743,896 08
Signed HENRY A TUZO, Manager.
ROBERT BURRELL, Accountant.

I, Henry Atkinson Tuzo, do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing abstract
is a true and faithful account of the average amount of Assets and Liabilities within this Colony of the above Bank,
during the period specified, and that the same was made up from the Weekly Statements thereof, kept in pursuance
of the provisions of the "Banking Act, 1864."

Declared before me at Victoria, this 4th day of Jan., 1871.
ja5 (Signed) A. F. PEMBERTON, S. M.

GENERAL ABSTRACT

showing the average amount of LIABILITIES and ASSETS of the Bank of British Columbia, within the Colony
of British Columbia, and its dependencies, taken from the several Weekly Statements for the Quarter ending
31st Dec., 1870.

| LIABILITIES. | AM'T. | TOTALS. | ASSETS | AM'T. | TOTALS. |
|---|--------------|------------|---|--------------|---------|
| Notes in Circulation..... | \$142,275 00 | | Legal Tender Coin in Gold and Silver..... | \$122,018 74 | |
| Balances due to other Banks and Branches..... | 20,146 99 | | Gold and Silver Bullion..... | 67,093 41 | |
| Deposits not bearing interest..... | \$119,224 91 | | Landed and other Property..... | 51,338 05 | |
| Deposits bearing interest..... | 51,969 57 | 171,194 51 | Balances due from other Banks and Branches..... | 152,373 90 | |
| | | | All debts due to the Bank, including Notes, | | |
| | | | Bills of Exchange and all Stock and Funded | | |
| | | | Debts of every description, excepting | | |
| | | | Notes, Bills, and Balances due from other | | |
| | | | Banks and Branches..... | 346,391 98 | |

Total amount of Liabilities.....\$333,616 50
Total amount of Assets.....\$346,391 98
Amount of Capital Stock paid up at the close of the Quarter ending 31st Dec., 1870.....\$1,490,000
Rate of last Dividend declared to the Shareholders.....5 per cent
Amount of last Dividend declared.....\$37,250 00
Amount of reserved profit at time of declaring such dividend.....\$36,952 76
Signed WM. C. WARD, Manager.
CHAS. S. JONES, Accountant.

I, William Curtis Ward, do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the foregoing State-
ment is a true and faithful account of the average amount of the Assets and Liabilities within this Colony, or in
the Bank, during the period specified, and that the same was made up from the weekly statements thereof, kept in
pursuance of the provisions of "The Banking Act, 1864."

Declared before me at Victoria, B. C., this 4th day of Jan., 1871.
ja5 (Signed) A. F. PEMBERTON, S. M.

Educational.

BOYS AND GIRLS SCHOOL,
CORNER OF RAE AND BLANCHARD STREETS,
WILL RE-OPEN ON TUESDAY, JAN-
UARY 3rd, 1871, teaching Reading, Spelling, writ-
ing, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, English History
book keeping, Sewing and all kinds of Fancy Work.
TERMS—\$1.50 per month.
de10 1m MISS BARRY.

SCHOOL NOTICE.
Madame Petibeu's
SCHOOL,
FAIRFIELD TERRACE, TOP OF FORT ST.
Will re-open on MONDAY, January 9th, next.
dec25 1m.

LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
THE SCHOOL TAX FOR 1871 IS NOW
due and payable to the undersigned
GEORGE LINDSAY,
Treasurer of the Local Board.
January 31, 1871. ja1

SAVE YOUR MONEY

AND
HEALTH.

By Buying Your Candies of
A. W. PIPER,
Government Street.

THE LIBERAL PATRONAGE OF A
generous public has enabled me to still further
Reduce the Price of my
Manufactures.

From this date I will Retail Candies of
the following Prices:

Sugar Almonds,
Burnt Almonds,
Chocolate Cream,
Chrystalised Candies,
Peppermint Lozenges,
Conversation do
Gum Drops,
Fondants,
Caesias, &c at 50 cts per lb

PLAIN CANDIES, SUCH AS
Sticks, Drops, Barley Sugar and
Acidulated Drops, 37 1-2 cts per lb
Broken Candies, 25 cts per lb.

A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION AT WHOLESALE,
SUGAR TOYS, all of my own make, at the
Lowest prices.
WEDDING CAKES on hand and make to
order on the shortest notice. ja11

C. Strouss.
Importer of

Sunday Morning, Jan 15, 1871.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

Jan 14—None
CLEARED.
Dec 14—Sip Bingleader, Duke, San Juan

Lane & Kurtz Mining Company.

Every reader in the colony knows by this time what the above company is and what it proposes to accomplish both for itself and for the country; so that we are spared the necessity of making any preliminary remarks. There has before us a draft of a Bill which will be introduced into the Legislative Council this week, the short title of which is "The Lane and Kurtz Mining Company's Ordinance, 1871." The object and provisions of the Bill may be briefly summarized thus:—To empower the Governor to remit, in whole or in part, any customs duties, port charges, road tolls and bridge tolls now leviable, or which may hereafter be leviable in respect of any quartz mills, steam sawmills, or mining machinery of whatever nature or description, already imported, or that may hereafter be imported by the said company, for the purpose of being used by them in mining and not for sale. So much has already appeared in these columns respecting this company, the splendid machinery it is introducing into the colony, the great mining enterprise in which it has embarked, and the widespread influence for good which may reasonably be expected to flow from its operations, that we will, as a matter of course, be expected to support the Bill, which we most heartily do. Indeed, it is impossible to conceive that it will meet with a breath of opposition. In view of the magnitude of the undertaking, as well as the far-reaching and all-pervading benefits which must flow from it, either directly or indirectly, it is, indeed, but a small thing to ask the remission of the above recited impost; and we do not apprehend that there could possibly be the slightest hesitation, either on the part of the Executive or of the Legislature, in meeting this company in so very modest and reasonable a request.

RETURNING CONFIDENCE.—Scarcely a day passes without presenting fresh evidence of returning confidence in British Columbia, and it may be added, in this its political and commercial capital. It was only the other day that Mr W. J. Jeffree, one of the most enterprising and successful merchants of Cariboo, bought the business so long carried on by Mr Lewis Lewis, the pioneer clothier on Yates street, with the intention of carrying it on upon a greatly enlarged basis. Mr Jeffree has faith in the colony, he has faith in the great commercial future of Victoria, and he has confidence in the recovery of Yates street as one of its busiest commercial thoroughfares. There can be no doubt that he possesses the means and the business ability to contribute very materially towards bringing about these results, and it therefore affords us peculiar satisfaction to welcome Mr Jeffree to the commercial circle of the metropolis, and to recommend him to the public. We have no doubt that he will attain as great a measure of success and popularity here as marked his career in Cariboo.

A FACT NOT GENERALLY KNOWN.—It is a fact not generally known that scores of young apple and cherry trees that were planted only a few years ago in this country, and which, by their astonishing productivity seemed to promise many years of abundant yield, are slowly but surely dying. The fatality is not confined to one, two or three orchards. All are more or less affected by it; and the cause is, as yet, a profound mystery. In many cases trees have been grubbed away in the hope of saving them; but the stocks were gone beyond recovery. All attempts have failed. Plum and pear trees, on the other hand, grow well and yield largely. Even in orchards where cherries and apples are dying, plums and pears present no evidence of decay. The cause of the fatality is unknown. Cannot some of our gardeners or nurserymen explain the reason and furnish a remedy?

MAGAZINE.—The paltry sum of \$500 is down in the Estimates for carrying the mails between Victoria and New Westminster. The service is performed by the Hudson Bay Company's steamer Enterprise. For seven or eight months in the year the mails are carried twice a week, and for the remaining four or five months, once a week. The average rate of compensation, therefore, is \$7 per trip. This sum seems so paltry, when it is compared with the value and efficiency of the service performed, that we wonder it has not struck the Executive before now that it would be better to strike it out altogether and trust to the good nature of the Company to carry the mails for nothing. Either give the Company a fair compensation or give them nothing.

CRICKET.—A meeting of gentlemen favorable to the formation of a Cricket Club for active operations during the coming summer will be held at the office of Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Aikman to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. There is likely to be several very lively contests during the approaching spring and summer with the Zealous Eleven who are skillful players and will strive hard to deserve the laurels now worn by local cricketers.

EX-MAYOR HARRIS.—A photograph of Mr Harris, first Mayor of Victoria, as he appeared eight years ago, has been collected by Mr John Banks, and drew much attention to Fawcett & Co's window yesterday. The City Council ought to secure lifelike photographs of all the Mayors with the ultimate view of transferring them to canvas and forming the nucleus of a gallery when the revenue at the disposal of the Corporation shall become greater.

THE STEAMER SIR JAMES DOUGLAS. Captain Clarke, arrived from Nanaimo and Comox yesterday at 3:30 p.m. with eight passengers and a quantity of live stock. Among the passengers were Mr and Mrs Spalding and Mrs Beddall. The bark Atlanta had completed her loading and sailed probably last night. The weather was quite wintry. There were 16 inches of snow at Comox. At Nanaimo the snow was three or four inches deep.

FRENCH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—A meeting of this society will be held at the Colonial Hotel at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Treasurer and Secretary and transacting any business that may be brought forward in the interests of the Society.

In consequence of the late severe weather a backward spring is anticipated at Cariboo.

NEW DRAIN.—The dangerous hole in Douglas street, near Pandora, will be filled up and a box-drain built to prevent further caving. The corporation men commenced yesterday to make the drain.

EXTENDING.—The Dawson & Douglass Whaling Company will make arrangements for extending their operations next season. A 200-ton vessel will be procured among other things.

GENEROUS.—We learn that the men working at the quarry on Newcastle Island have contributed the handsome sum of ninety-one dollars and a half towards the relief of the destitute families of miners in Nanaimo.

It is estimated that America, when her productive powers are fully developed, will be able to feed four times as many persons as there are now on the face of the earth.

A DEAD WHALE has come ashore at Holmes' Point, near Comox. It is supposed to have been killed by the Dawson & Douglass whalers.

MORN OIL.—The steamer Grappler, with oil from Howe Sound, arrived last night. The oil will be shipped by the Lady Lampson to London.

THE CALIFORNIA carried away \$4000 in gold, shipped by Wells, Fargo & Co.

NO NEWS.—The has remained down yesterday.

THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY'S bark Prince of Wales will be due at this port next month.

A CLEAN SHEET at the Police Court yesterday.

Mr. Gladstone and the Pope.

Mr Gladstone has written the following letter to Mr Deane, member for Queen's County:—Downing-street, Nov 30.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., transmitting a memorial from the inhabitants of Stradbally, in which you state that they express their desire that Her Majesty's Government may see fit to use "such diplomatic intervention as may be necessary to secure the continuance of such temporal Sovereignty as will protect him in a discharge of his temporal duties, together with an adequate income." The memorial itself is couched in larger and less definite language, but I do not doubt that I am to recognize you as the best expositor of the feelings it is intended to express.

In reply I have to state that Her Majesty's Government have not, during the various changes which have marked the reign of the present Pope, interfered, nor do they now propose to interfere, with the Civil Government of the city of Rome or the surrounding country.

But Her Majesty's Government consider all that relates to the adequate support of the dignity of the Pope, and to his personal freedom and independence in the discharge of his spiritual functions, to be legitimate for their notice.

Indeed, without waiting for the occurrence of any actual necessity, they have during the uncertainties of the last few months taken upon themselves to make provision which would have tended to afford any necessary protection to the person of the Sovereign Pontiff.

The subjects to which I have adverted will continue to have their careful attention, although they have had great satisfaction in observing that the Italian Government has declared in the most explicit manner its desire and intention to respect and guarantee the Pope's freedom and independence, and to take care that adequate provision shall be forthcoming for the due support of his dignity.

I have, &c., W. E. GLADSTONE.

E. Deane, Esq., M. P.

As to Low Dresses.

Most fashions owe their origin to an attempt to give prominence to the strong point or to hide the weak point of a king or queen. Thus powder came into vogue to conceal a queen's gray hair, and large perukes became a king's badge. We learn, however, from a Belgian paper, that the custom of ladies exhibiting their busts in all the beauty of nature has a far more romantic origin. In a battle in which the French were engaged (all dates we may mention are received) their routes were broken, and they were routed. When they retreated, their women bared their breasts and entreated them to pierce them rather than permit them to fall into the hands of the enemy. This was too much for the gallant Gauls. Nerved with fresh courage they turned, renewed the combat and were victorious. From that hour French women have on festival occasions been accustomed to wear their dresses low. In fact, when you see one who appears to have forgotten the upper part of her dress, it is no proof of indecency, but simply an indication of the power of national sentiment. This satisfactorily explains what many ignorant people have taken for impropriety. We live and learn.

WHAT GERMANY WANTS.—A New York German paper gives the following as a reason why Germany wants something more than a peace secured by paper promises: "Some of the French officers who have been released on their word of honor, but nevertheless have again taken active service against Germany give these infamous excuses: Some say, 'We have given our word as Lieutenants, now as Captains we need not keep it. It is proved, that the Government pays a premium to officers who desert. It is a fact, that in Belgium, France and Switzerland, priests have given those people absolution for their perjury and say, 'Oaths, which have been sworn to Heretofore, are not binding.'"

A man was charged before the Thames Police Magistrate, on November 26, with having been guilty of felony and embezzlement thirty years ago. The felony was represented by 7s 6d; the embezzlement by £10, and the defendant had endeavored to make some amends by sending the prosecutor, his former employer, 10s worth of postage stamps. Mr. Lushington put it to the latter whether, after the lapse of so many years, he intended to proceed against the man, and the prosecutor replied that he was determined to put the law in force. Pending further enquiry, the defendant was released on his own recognizances.

NEW GOODS, JUVENILE GLOVES, &c., just received by Express at Victoria House.

Canada Trade and Treaties.

President Grant, apparently, and General Butler and Senator Chandler certainly, want to quarrel with Canada over the fishery and other trade questions and should they succeed, which they will not as we believe, we are inclined to ask, what good would come of it? Chandler by Bill authorizes the President to issue a proclamation suspending, in respect to the Provinces and territories, the operation of all laws and regulations whereby the right of bonded transportation is allowed to foreign transportation companies, and he, if in his judgment it is expedient, is to declare a suspension of all laws whereby vessels of the Dominion of Canada, or of any possessions in North America, are permitted to enter the waters of the United States saving such vessels such rights as may be granted between the United States and Great Britain. This is biting one's nose off to spite one's face and the proposition savors in part of folly and in part of wickedness. The only merit it has is spitefulness and ignorance. The United States needs the trade of Canada, and in very many ways it is of the greatest advantage to us. We produce many things which Canada would like to buy, as Canada produces many things which she would like to sell. Unless General Grant intends to stop all travel with Canada both himself and Mr Chandler may get worried in carrying out their exclusive policy. People may be driven into Canada and to sympathize with Canada by the mistaken policy of the Administration and the restrictive trade policy of the Executive. In the meantime we are bound to respect the treaty of 1818; nor will the Government of the United States consent to quarrel upon the fact whether Canada has jurisdiction over her shore fisheries, just as she has over her bays and rivers. In regard to the treaty, Great Britain held and holds that in all the indentations of coast the three miles were to be measured from the extreme headlands, so that all bays, though 20 or 40 miles inland, or twenty or any number of miles in width, were to be reckoned as within the three mile limit. The United States contends that the three miles were to follow always the winding of the coast, though it is said we do not act on that principle with our own coast line and its privileges.

Canada, we are assured, has never sought to enforce the British interpretation of the treaty, while all the seizures that have been made during the past season have been within the three mile limit, not as Britain but as the United States reads the treaty. President Grant long ago sent out a proclamation warning the American fishermen against trespassing in Canadian waters, and assuring them, if seized when doing so by British or Canadian cruisers there could be no remedy as far as the Government of the United States was concerned. We presume the President will have to stand by his words if not by the treaty of 1818.—N. Y. Express.

China.

The Shanghai News Letter, of Nov 12th, gives the following summary of news:

A Pekin letter says there has been nothing thought of lately but the advent of the Hon Seward and his party. Balls and rums are on the tapis, and as it is understood that Admiral Rodgers has brought the band of the U S S Colorado with him from Shanghai, their music, for once in a long while, makes us put our best foot foremost and sink the ship. The Russian Legation, it is understood, will have the honor of sheltering our distinguished guest, the accommodation at the American Legation being far beneath the requirements of the occasion.

A Tientsin correspondent says: In summing up the events of the month, we can present nothing very satisfactory or encouraging. Scarcely had the papers brought us a notice of the destruction of the Protestant chapel at Fushan, when a letter came from a native assistant in the interior, containing an account of the looting of a Protestant chapel in the district of Shenchow, about 400 leagues from this. As it was a rented building, and the landlord took part in the deed, if indeed he was not the leader—the building was not injured. None of Christians appear to have been molested. Close upon this, news comes of another outrage on Catholic converts at the village of Tansu-twang, in Ning-ching Hion, between this and Pekin. A chapel and the houses of several of the converts were killed. Rumor says the murderers were bamboozled, and the matter hushed up as much as possible.

Admiral Rodgers and suite, and Ex-Secretary Seward and party, arrived here per Shantung, on the evening of the 27th ultimo, en route to Pekin, whence they departed by boat on the morning of the 27th.

The most significant event of the month was the execution, on the morning of the 18th ultimo, of sixteen persons for the murder of foreigners on the 11th of June last. Among them is said to be the murderer of J. Fontaine. Some of the relatives of those executed have acknowledged to the receipt of 500 taels. That amount was paid to each family. The Chir-foo has acknowledged to the same, so that the executions are perfectly valueless, so far as meeting the ends of justice is concerned. The officials are representing to the people that it was necessary to execute a few persons to appease the wrath of foreigners. The expression commonly used in referring to it is 'Chia hio' to appease or satisfy anger.

Mr. McLeary Brown and suite, members of the Burlington Mission, have arrived from Europe and simmered down into their old positions again.

Chung-how, the Tientsin magistrate who hopefully looked on at the slaughter of the 21st of June, is about to go on a mission of peace to France.

Grant's Jezebel.

From the Hamilton Spectator.

When King Ahab took a fancy to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which vineyard he wanted for a kitchen-garden, and when Naboth refused to trade or sell, Ahab went home in a fit of the sulks. But Jezebel was not disposed to give it up so; and, with the aid of a couple of men of Belial, she not only did Naboth to death, but got Ahab his kitchen-garden. So when King Ulysses discovered that he wanted the mackerel of the Bluesoes, the said Bluesoes and all their congeners laughed at the said Ulysses; and not only so, but many of the loyal subjects of Ulysses joined treasonably in the cabalination; and Ulysses went home sad and sulky. Cometh then to him, after eleven days, Jezebel of the Tribune, saying unto him, Do thus and so, and you shall have the mackerel to the last scale. But here the similitude fails; for the Bluesoes, instead of following Naboth's example and consenting to be decently stoned to death, place their expanded digits to their nasal organs and continue to be merry. Whereat Jezebel falls to cursing like a drab; or, rather, being in the fish business, to scolding like a fish-woman, both the Bluesoes and the disloyal subjects aforesaid who take their part.

AN ODD SCENE AT A FUNERAL.—At the funeral of a young man in Des Moines recently the services for the dead took place at the dwelling of the parents. After a most pathetic address, which brought tears from all the young ladies present, the minister inquired if any of the dear friends of the deceased wished to speak on this solemn occasion. A stranger hero stepped forward, and after expressing sympathy with the friends or the deceased, remarked that the ways of Providence were inscrutable; and in this connection he wished to mention that he was the agent for a first rate article of hair vigor for the State of Iowa. The corpse had used it for years with great advantage, and he confidently recommended it, especially to the minister and undertaker present, as he perceived they were both painfully bald. "Shake the bottle, gentlemen, and rub the matter well in with a stiff brush," said he. At this stage of the proceedings, a slight disturbance occurred, and the hair vigor man disappeared.—Des Moines (Iowa) paper.

Sir R. Murchison stated at the inaugural meeting of the winter session of the Royal Geographical Society, on Nov 14, that a considerable portion of the supplies forwarded from Zanzibar to Ujiji, where Dr Livingston was last heard of, must have reached their destination. It is satisfactory to learn, added Sir Roderick, that the native traders from the interior to the coast continue to believe in the doctor's existence, some saying that he has gone to Karagwe, others that he was at Ujiji still. Caravans daily expected at Zanzibar by Dr Kirk (writing on August 29), would doubtless bring direct news of the great missionary explorer. "Let us hope," said Sir Roderick, "that before this session closes we may once more see the handwriting of our undaunted traveller; though I am persuaded he will never try to return to his home until he has solved the great problem of whether the southern lake waters, which he has followed up so pertinaciously, do really run into the Albert Nyanzar of Baker, and therefore into the Nile." In addition to the sum of £1000, advanced by Her Majesty's Government, and an equal sum advanced by the Government of India, for the purpose of providing Dr Livingston with fresh supplies, Sir Roderick announced that considerable sums of money for the same purpose had been placed at Dr Kirk's disposal by one James Young, the long-attached friend of Dr Livingston.

NEW PROTERIAL PHILOSOPHY.—Ask no woman her age. Never joke with a policeman. Do not play at chess with a widow. Never contradict a man who stutters. Be civil to rich uncles and aunts. Your oldest hat of course for an evening party. Always sit next the carrier if you can sit dinner. Keep your own secrets. Tell no human being you dye your whiskers. Wind up you conduct like your watch, once every day, minutely examining whether you are fast or slow. Make friends with the steward on board a steamer, for there is no knowing how soon you may be in his power.

SEA SICKNESS AVOIDED.—Mr Bessemer's plan for avoiding sea sickness by constructing a chamber for passengers on board steamers, suspended on the same principle as the compass, is about to be practically tested. The Messrs. Mand of England are constructing a screw steamer of three hundred tons burthen upon this principle.

BREWING.—Well, I always make it a rule to tell my wife everything confidential that happens. Smiling—On my dear fellow, that's nothing! I tell my wife lots of things that never happened at all.

CHEERING.—To a stranger visiting our own, our theatres, auction rooms, public gatherings of every description, or walking our business streets—which, as the holidays approach, are lined with boxes of merchandise, opened and unopened—the impression left upon his mind must be that it is a place of cheerfulness and thrift. The passer by must not, however, be deceived by these unsightly objects upon the sidewalks, owing to the good nature of our city authorities, for there are others whose premises are ample enough to conceal these deformities and retain the gems within. T. N. HIBBER, & Co. have not left a stone unturned in their preparations for the season, and offer rare attractions to make glad the hearts of both old and young.

AUTUMN AND WINTER.—The study of the seasons is ever interesting and amply repays the student, who now learns that A B Gray, Government street, has just received a large stock of Fall Goods, comprising Wineys, Serges, Plaids, French Merinos, Waterproof Tweeds, Astracan Cloth, Alpaca, Flannels, Blankets, Sheetings, Ladies' and Children's Jackets, Shawls, Hosiery, Silk Umbrellas, Hats, Feathers, Flowers, Ribbons, &c., &c., together with a choice selection of Fancy Small Wares suitable for the present season.—GOVERNMENT STREET, December, 1870.

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